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In re Application of

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For: EXPANDABLE ROUTER

REPLY TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED 09/25/2002Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further examination and consideration of this application are requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTSIn the Description:

Rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, to read as follows:

The subject matter disclosed in this application is related to subject matter disclosed in co-pending Patent Applications No. 09/661,845 and No. 09/661,842, the entire disclosure of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.

In the Claims:Claims 1 and 12, rewrite as follows:

1. (Amended) A routing switch comprising:

a first router module having N1 signal input terminals, an expansion input terminal and (M1+1) output terminals, including M1 signal output terminals and an expansion output terminal, the first router module including a means for routing a signal received at any one of the N1 signal input terminals selectively to any one or more of the (M1+1) output terminals and for routing a signal received at the expansion input terminal selectively to any one or more of the M1 signal output terminals, and